Louis S. Bruneni, who has served customers for 50 years in his grocery store at 614 Prairie St., laughs as he recalls good times with, left to right, Jack Hutchins; Elmer Gishwiller and Ralph A.

Johnson, both brothers-in-law of Bruneni; George W. Healy, Paul Robinson and Raymond H. Vestal.

Friends Fete Grocer, 73; Store Doomed by Bridge Friday was 2,696, compared with 2,560 last year. High school enrollment on Friday, with last year's figures in parenthesses, was:

come and go in this place. Now

spoke the words with his custonary chuckle, but he wasn't real-

progress within weeks - perhaps

A neighborhood landmark since 1895, it now must be torn down to make way for the approach system to Rockford's Whitman

"I'm going to miss it all. I'm last in the little grocery store. going to miss the people." said G. W. Healy recalled "whittling bruneni, known as "Louie" to his like mad" on the old porch which

years, you know, and I love it." a penny for an ice cream cone
Bruneni's words reached several "and was afraid to charge a
of his friends, who had gathered nickel because it might not sell." was noted. in the store for a double commemoration — Louie's 73rd birth-ward P. Mechling, another Bru-Louie. "The customers are differ-day and the impending culmina-neni customer, who became a gen-ent now." tion of his friendly service to cus-eral in the Army and was one of In the old days, they talked tomers from the Prairie St. ad the first aviation ordnance authori- about the wars, about current

A small boy walked to the coun-

it." Louie answered.

little customer hurried out of the

of them set a chocolate - coated cake in front of Louie. It was marked: "Happy Birthday." They sang the familiar birth-

chorus of "God Bless You Tomorrrow. . . . God Bless You,

"Be 73 tomorrow (Saturday)," explained Louie, chuckling again as he showed the cake around before placing it in a refrigerated compartment behind his counter. The cake was baked by Mrs. Betty Kendrick, a regular customer who makes a habit to re-

member Bruneni's birthday in one way or another. In a corner, more of Louie's friends were recalling good times:

in the little store.

Raymond H. Vestal, who was born across the street from the store and frequented it when he was a Hall School pupil, recalled driving the grocer's Model T truck, used for deliveries in the

"Hey. Louie." Vestal recalled suidenly. "Did you know I learned how to drive with that old Medel T of yours?"

Vestal can count five generations of store customers among his

begin their area campaign today nebago County courthouse.

neni purchased it.

Vestal's mother, Mrs. Bertha Vestal, also shopped there. His ford postmaster) used to live sister, Mrs. Iva Checkaris, her right down here," interjected daughter, Mrs. Lucille Powers, and Vestal, pointing. "He'd stop in Snow-haired Louis Sanford Brudaughter, Mrs. Lucille Powers, and Mrs. Powers' daughter, Mrs. Doniting. "He'd stop in here on his way to St. James here on his way

Bruneni learned that Mrs. Wiggs also has a child.

Wouldn't it be something, the Bruneni's little grocery store at group agreed, if they could get 614 Prairie St. falls victim to Mrs. Wiggs' child in the store before it was torn down? "Then you could say you've had six generations of one family,

Louie laughed heartily.

G. W. Healy recalled "whittling sacks on a shelf behind him. long-time customers and friends.
"I've dealt with people for 50 membered when Bruneni charged George Becker remembered Ed-

> ties in the country. "There's been a lot of prominent prices.

"Can I have this, Louie?" the boy pleaded. "It's only one page."

"Arthur L. Jeinson. once the local postmaster. President Roose "He was a traveling salesman."

"Louie answered. velt gave him an extra year as and he knew a lot of them." some-Followed by two companions, the postmaster so he could be elected one laughed.



relatives. His grandfather, William Louie—a familiar name to generations of neighborhood resi-Fischer, was a familiar figure in the store—generally surrounded by a host of neighbor
The composition of the same address. (Morning Star photos)

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the United States.

"Eddie O'Shay (current Rock-

"Yes." Bruneni chuckled again. I remember Eddie O'Shay.' A youth in a T-shirt walked to and carefully weighing them on

like a pound," Bruneni explained.

Someone brought up prices, and Bruneni recalled when butter sold for 15 cents a pound

"So have the customers," said

about the wars, about current "But I stayed, and it's a great terson, 471 (465); Riverdalil, 582 Wan Mulls New Bonanza events in general, about changing life, boys. I love it. I enjoy it. (598); Rock River, 596 (580); Roll. Man Mulls New Bonanza

ter and shoved a comic book cov-people in this store." mused Beck- Joe McCarron, who formerly op-

part - time basis. His nephew, LeRoy Bruneni, operates a grocery at 310 N. Longwood St., and the family has invited Bruneni to move in with them. Bruneni recalled that his wife'

chased the store from the John coln, 1,663 (1,852); Roosevelt, 1, the counter and asked for a half- Cardiff family in 1912, and Bru- 311 (1,396); Washington, 634 (733); pound of sugar. Bruneni obliged, neni operated it with his wife unshoving the grains from a drawer til she died about 20 years ago. GRADE SCHOOLS Bruneni, himself, used to shop

birthday.

Did he think, at that time, he ould be there for 50 years?

out. You know how a young man (823).

I'm going to miss it."

Police Race Around Store After 3 Boys rand, operated by the Rockford for the time being at least.

Police were led on a footto Seele has a new idea, one that drilling away, and the years ing, getting information more or
through the aisles of the
ars Roebuck & Co. store, 711

Main St. Saturday night in
to board of education officials.

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less.

"I'd come out here and work on:
"I'd come out here and work on through 6. Figures for 1962 will
food, near the Northwest Tollway, it when I had some spare time." test hole, because you don't know
seele and his father, the late
Seele said. "There were about two what's down there or how far to
the through 6. Figures for 1962 will
be available next week, according to board of education officials. Police were led on a footece through the aisles of the Sears Roebuck & Co. store, 711 burglars.

Answering a burglar alarm at the store, six squads of police found a rear door ajar and surrounded the building while the store was searched.

Combing the store, officers came up with a 12-year-old boy, who tried to run away after he was spotted by police. He informed Sgt. Ben Palmeri that two other boys were in the herilding.

Cant. Willard Landberg found a transistor radio and a wristwatch in the boy's pocket. They were identified as being stolen from the store. Meanwhile, other officers were in hot pursuit of another 12-year-old and a 14-year-old, who dodged around inters and behind display the pellets removed.

found discarded in the store.

will build with increasing intensi- Reckford 3rd Ward Democratic of Erland Nelson. 409 Warren in Casa Mia restaurant to ocrats will gather at 7:30 p. m. Winnebago County Young Republican to the Tuesday Nov. 6. Club has scheduled a meeting in Ave., probate judge candidate. At 12:30 p. m. Thursday at 4907 N. 2nd St. Northern Elinois Democrats will the Traffic Courtroom in the War- Two Republican candidates have 20, the Women's Republican Club The Republican central committend at Macktown Forest Pre-

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR

CITY SCHOOL City's Last 6,000 Dead ENROLLMENT Elms Start Falling Monday

28,714 in Class

classes, totals 28,714 — an increase elms a day.

Grade school enrollment through said private contractors are about any damages to private property, for a month - end summary tions can be readily answered Friday here was 13,322, up 525 from last year at this time. Enrollment in secondary schools vas 12,600, compared with 11,993 year ago.

Freeman School had 96 special education pupils Friday, up from

WHITEHEAD LARGEST

Largest single enrollment was at hitehead School, which had 785 voungsters in kindergarten through sixth grades, compared with 705 on Sept. 15, 1961.

Kishwaukee School, which this year dropped from first place in public grade school enrollment, had 767 pupils on Friday, a decrease from 823 a year ago.

Kindergarten enrollment through

Auburn, 1,669 (1,639); East, 2,-210 (2.264); Guilford, 1,402 (not open in 1961); and West, 1,664 West this year also reports three

post-graduate students, while Au Junior high school enroll

comparisons are: Bruneni recalled that his wife's Alpine, 7th and 8th grades, 62 mother, Mrs. Edith Robinson, pur- (43); Jefferson, 1,351 (1,551); Lin-

Elementary school attendance in the store when he attended Hall including kindergarten and fol-"I do that only for small orders, School. He was a soda jerk and lowed by last year's figures, is: Alpine, 163 (131); Barbour, 592 Louie laughed heartily.

There were other memories that "Otherwise, we've got those," he at the Stonefield and Evans shoe (560); Bloom, 728 (712); Church, at the Stonefield and Evans shoe (57 (599); Conklin, 457 (384); Eight and Evans shoe (57 (599); Conklin, 457 (384); Eight and Evans shoe (587 (599); Conklin, 457 (599) siasm toward the five-and 10-pound factory before he made the translis, 438 (389); Fairview, 731 (661); formation from patron to proprie Franklin, 352 (387); Garrison, 36 tor at the store just before his 23rd (363); Gregory, 202 (123); Hall, 229 (260); Hallstrom, 420 (419); Haskell, 379 (295); Henrietta Premary, 269 (251); Henrietta Intermediate, 213 (202); Highland, 573 Bruneni laughed loudly. (558); Jackson, 436 (442); John-"After 10 years, I wanted to get son, 751 (713); Kishwaukee, 767

Lathrop, 372 (335); Montague, 320 (340); Nelson, 330 (333); Peing Green, 693 (691); Summerdale, 479 (478); Turner. 347 (330); Walker. 537 (496); Washington 6th grade. 90 (40); Welsh, 610 (592). West View, 709 (716): Whitehead, 785 (705); and Wight, 397 (386). Not included in the enrollment figures is the number of youths at the Boys Farm School, Du-

there was oil on their Lyford job in town and worked out here Road farm property back in early all day.

Sharon De Line, 7, 10017 S. Main Road, was accidentally his by a shotgun blast Saturday after noon while fishing with her uncle Dan De Line, near her home.

Ira Fleming, 10307 S. Main St., told deputies he was firing at a pack of dogs near his home when the accident occurred. Sharon, the daughter of Mr. tension project now is expected

and Mrs. Bud Clyde De Line, was by Oct. 1. Supt. of Highways hit by seven pellets in the left George R. Schroeder said Saturarm and side. She was taken to day.

Swedish-American Hospital to have Schroeder said contractors still.

Acting strictly on this hunch,

they had some tests made. The

results were encouraging. There

was oil there, the experts

agreed. The question was, how

The Seeles meant to find out.

Riverside Blvd.

Ivan A. Seele and Chuck Adee, 13, who has as-

sisted him from time to time in his oil-drilling

project east of Rockford, look at the towering

By STANLEY BUCKLES Morning Star Staff Writer

After 1st Week

Morning Star Staff Writer
Rockford's last 6,000 dead elms or public property should begin falling to the woodman's saw Monnounced he is assigning city inment, after the first full week of the rate of removal should be 90 classes totals 28,714—an increase elms a day.

Morning Star Staff Writer
Rockford's last 6,000 dead elms of the City Council approved Sept. 10.
To make sure the job progress Works Department, and L. Wasses on schedule. Johnson and Joe Dobet, engineering aides in the Public Works Department, and L. Wasses Department, and L. Wa

to begin work on those six contracts worth \$333.464 which the Arland Olsen and Joe Dobel, entered

Seele has used in the ill-fated project. (Morning

into the project?

myself." he added.

oil-drilling area.

He has proposed using

clearing adjacent to the ill-fated

sticking—but Steele didn't give up. ly, when his drill reached the There were also occasions when 3.390-foot mark in October. 1961.

Steele thought he had finally without producing the gusher he

Seele finally gave up. reluctant

Now partially disassembled.

the rig-which Seele estimates

classes, totals 28,714 — an increase elms a day.

of 1,284 from the Sept. 15, 1961,
 T. F. Johnson, Rockford public where they are working, h ow tractor, explained Johnson. And uals regarding the elm tree reenrollment of 27,430.

works commissioner, Saturday many trees they take down, and besides daily reports, he will ask moval, Johnson said their ques-

der the system now devised. Although the contracts were approved Sept. 10, work has been deferred until indemnifying bonds are posted and the contracts ac

tually signed. Johnson said he believes E. B. Davis, whose contracts govern three contract areas, should be ready to start Monday. His contracts are for \$56,410,49, \$55,262,-

51, and \$72,288.40, respectively. Goebel's Tree Service, which has a \$68,253.78 contract, may be able to begin Monday, too. The only out-of-town contractor, Trotter Tree Service of New Lenox, holding contracts of \$60,818.60 and \$20,430.86, may be slightly de-

layed in transferring his crews and ouipment here, said Johnson.
Rockford aldermen decided on this crash effort at elm-tree removal to reduce the risk of damage suits against the city as a result of falling trees and branches The last 6,000 elms are to be down

Selgren Gets City Police **Promotion**

Robert Selgren, Rockford Police has been promoted to sergeant, the Board of Fire and Police Comsioners announced Saturday. Selgren, veteran of 15 years on

identification propinted to the following he retirement of Donovan Saun-

came a state parole officer. Selgren will fill

vacancy cre-

opening in the Traffic Division was added to the department. Selgren joined the Rockford po-lice force March 17, 1947, and was promoted to detective in Decem-In Shadow of Dry Oil Rig armed forces during World War II, and was wounded while serving in Europe.

The promotion of Selgren will that on pulse afficer will

Ivan A. Seele, 1620 Paradise: They bought a drilling machine hole." he added, glancing idly at mean that one police officer will blvd.. has given up trying to and started drilling in May, 1949, the old black drilling rig which be promoted to detective, and a strike oil in Winnebago County—

The elder Seele died about three towered over him. "You don't new identification officer named." years later, but his son kept really know, you're always test- Selgren lives at 2324 Nebraska Seele has a new idea, one that drilling away, and the years ing getting information more or Road with his wife. Jeannette. and their two daughters, Julie "It costs more money to drill a Ann, 5, and Jill, 4.

Rains Today How much money has been put Will Precede Cooler Air Showers and thundershowers

will develop this afternoon and continue through tonight in the Rockford area. Rains are preceding a cold air

mass which will move across the area Monday to bring lower temperatures and clearing skies. Rockford's cloud cover began to develop Saturday afternoon and brought occasional sprinkles in daytime and night-time hours. Today's high temperature will climb to about 80, a degree above Saturday's high at 4 p.m. Southeasterly winds about 16 during the day.

Temperatures will dip into the upper 50s tonight as the cooler air begins moving into the Rockford area. Parts of the Midwest experi

28 degrees lower as the cold air mass arrived. Local flooding from rains occurred at Kansas "But I wouldn't want to work it City. Topeka, and Springfield. Mo., which received more than three inches Friday night and electric motor to pump the great supply of water up into a

Saunders Hurt; The result would be a fairly Signal Blamed

spacious lake. 'After all, Rockford is growing Donovan A. Saunders, 52, 519 like a son of a gun," he said Oakley Ave., state parole officer, "I've got a well here, and I can was injured but not hospitalized. pump out all sorts of water. Peo-Saturday in a collision blamed on ple could swim . . . and there's a faulty traffic signal on W. State shade here, too. Look at those St. at Avon St.

Saunders' car collided with a "I knew the oil well was a game-truck driven by Gary O. Conk-ble when I started." he said ling, 21, Garden Prairie. Police This would be a gamble too said a traffic signal at the inter-Maybe it's a crazy idea, but I'm section was not working properly seriously considering it." when the accident occurred. when the accident occurred.



Morning Star Political Writer about 3 p. m. to address the kick-progress of the campaign and GOP candidate for Congress in the Speak.

With election day just seven off raily.

Democrats in Wisconsin's 1st draw plans for the stretch drive 12th District, will appear alongside victory Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. cludes Green. Rock and Walworth weeks away, the political pot will Area Republicans already held ahead.

Start boiling this week after a their initial rally eight days ago

Their counterparts, the Demo-

at the Ogle County Fairgrounds, cratic county candidates, are nee for state senator to replace the report of a nominating com-Democrats" drive on Saturday. Both parties are entering a pe- Oregon.

Scheduled to meet at 8:30 p. m. McClory in the 52nd District.

mittee and elect new officers.

Sept. 22. The fund drive will riod of concentrated activities that

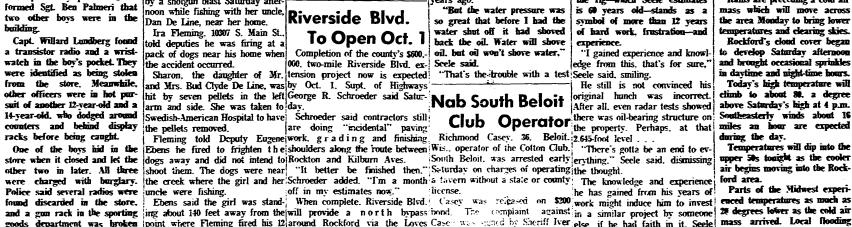
Monday night at 7:30 p. m., the Thursday. Sept. 20. in the home. The dinner begins at 6:30 p. m.

Wimnebago County Young Dem-end Tuesday. Oct. 2.

accepted invitations to speak of Winnebago County will meet in tee of Winnebago County meets serve. Golfing will start at 10 with a picule - rally from 1900. At noon Wednesday, Sept. 19. Re- Wednesday, Sept. 19, at a dinner Mendelssohn Hali, 415 N. Church at 8 p. m. Friday, Sept. 21, in a. m. with dinner planned for 5:30 a at Rock Cut State Park publican candidates from Winne in Belvidere sponsored by the St. Mrs. Laddie Hutar. Chicago, headquarters. 1014 4th Ave. Con. p. m. All local GOP candidates northeast of Rockford. Senatorial bago County will meet for hunch in manufacturers division of the Bel-co-chairman of the Young Repub gressman John B. Anderson has have been invited.



SIDNEY YATES . . Speaks here today



"I had some backers then."

agements-well difficulties, tools

reached the 2.645-foot depth a few

so great that before I had the

"But the water pressure was

rears ago.

There were the usual discour-ouickly.

struck it-like the time the drill had hoped for.